GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRICE BASED SELLING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether centrally supported price based selling centres have been opened in several districts of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reason for not opening the said selling centres in Katehar despite it being the main foodgrain producing zone and headquarter of the sub-division?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): During the current kharif season 2000-01, the Food corporation of India (FCI) hasopened 30 purchase centres in various districts of Bihar, as against 12 centres opened during the last kharif marketing season 1999-2000, for procurement of paddy. Apart from FCI, the State Government has also been opening in the past, a number ofpurchase points which are operated by the Rural Agricultural Primary Societies for purchase of paddy.

(c): These purchase centres are opened by the FCI in consultation with the State Governments.